Rhode Island Core Standards for English Language Arts (ELA)/Literacy (2021)

Founded in 2007, Great Minds PBC has evolved from an education advocacy start-up to a respected curriculum developer providing the highest-quality materials and professional development to schools and districts nationwide. In pursuit of its goal of raising expectations for every student, Great Minds® enlists educators to write curricula based on proven learning strategies to reward students' natural curiosity, build knowledge, and cultivate lifelong critical-thinking skills. Writing teams collaborate to ensure a consistent structure and vision for learning within and across all grade levels. We are pleased to bring you our newest kindergarten through grade 5 foundational skills offering, *Arts & Letters™: Reading Foundations*.

Reading Foundations provides systematic, explicit instruction in the foundational reading skills students need to become proficient, confident readers. Grounded in the Science of Reading, lessons develop phonological and phonemic awareness, phonics, word recognition, and fluency in the early grades, advancing to morphology, advanced spelling, and reading multisyllabic words in grades 3–5. The program builds the decoding and word-analysis skills students rely on to read increasingly complex texts. The curriculum provides guidance for supporting all learners at key moments in the lessons.

Each grade in *Reading Foundations* contains 160 lessons, comprising a full year of instruction. *Reading Foundations* was intentionally designed to be implemented alongside *Arts & Letters: Language Arts*, the knowledge-building English language arts core. Together, the two programs form a comprehensive literacy block in which students learn foundational skills and immediately apply them to rich, knowledge-building texts—building both strong reading skills and deep knowledge. Through this strategic integration, students can successfully achieve the proficiencies of Rhode Island standards while benefiting from the coherent, research-based design of *Arts & Letters*. A detailed alignment analysis between Rhode Island standards and *Reading Foundations* follows.

Language

Conventions of Standard English: Word Usage

Rhode Island Standards	Aligned Components of *Reading Foundations*
L.1.2 Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.	Grade 1, Lessons 3–5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101, 103, 104, 106, 107, 110, 111, 113, 114, 116, 117, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131, 133, 134, 136, 137, 140, 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 150, 151, 153, 154, 156, 157
L.1.2.a Print legibly all upper- and lowercase letters.	Grade 1, Lessons 3–5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 33, 34, 36, 37, 40, 41, 43, 44, 46, 47, 50, 51, 53, 54, 56, 57, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 70, 71, 73, 74, 76, 77, 80, 81, 83, 84, 86, 87, 90, 91, 93, 94, 96, 97, 100, 101, 103, 104, 106, 107, 110, 111, 113, 114, 116, 117, 120, 121, 123, 124, 126, 127, 130, 131, 133, 134, 136, 137, 140, 141, 143, 144, 146, 147, 150, 151, 153, 154, 156, 157

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Print Concepts

Rhode Island Standards	Aligned Components of *Reading Foundations*
RF.1.1 Demonstrate understanding of the organization and basic features of print.	Grade 1, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 27, 31, 34, 37, 41, 44, 47, 51, 54, 57, 61, 64, 67, 71, 74, 77, 81, 84, 87, 91, 94, 97, 101, 104, 107, 111, 114, 117, 121, 124, 127, 131, 134, 137, 141, 144, 147, 151, 154, 157
RF.1.1.a Recognize the distinguishing features of a sentence (e.g., first word, capitalization, ending punctuation).	Grade 1, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 24, 27, 31, 34, 37, 41, 44, 47, 51, 54, 57, 61, 64, 67, 71, 74, 77, 81, 84, 87, 91, 94, 97, 101, 104, 107, 111, 114, 117, 121, 124, 127, 131, 134, 137, 141, 144, 147, 151, 154, 157

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Phonological Awareness

Rhode Island Standards	Aligned Components of *Reading Foundations*
RF.1.2 Demonstrate understanding of spoken words, syllables, and sounds (phonemes).	Grade 1, Lessons 2–159
RF.1.2.a Distinguish long from short vowel sounds in spoken single-syllable words.	Grade 1, Lessons 19, 39, 59, 79, 99, 113, 119, 139, 159
RF.1.2.b Orally produce single-syllable words by blending sounds (phonemes), including consonant blends.	Grade 1, Lessons 2, 4–17, 20–27, 29–37, 40–47, 49–57, 60–67, 69–77, 80–87, 89–97, 100–107, 109–117, 120–127, 129–137, 140–147, 149–157
RF.1.2.c Isolate and pronounce initial, medial vowel, and final sounds (phonemes) in spoken single-syllable words.	Grade 1, Lessons 3, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16, 20, 23, 26, 29, 30, 33, 36, 40, 43, 46, 49, 50, 53, 56, 60, 63, 66, 69, 70, 73, 76, 80, 83, 86, 89, 90, 93, 96, 100, 106, 109, 110, 116, 120, 123, 126, 129, 130, 133, 136, 140, 143, 146, 149, 150, 153, 156
RF.1.2.d Segment spoken single-syllable words into their complete sequence of individual sounds (phonemes).	Grade 1, Lessons 2, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36, 38, 40, 42, 43, 45, 46, 48, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 58, 60, 62, 63, 65, 66, 68, 70, 72, 75, 76, 78, 80, 82, 83, 85, 86, 88, 90, 92, 93, 95, 96, 98, 100, 102–105, 108, 112, 115, 118, 122, 123, 125, 126, 128, 130, 132, 133, 135, 136, 138, 140, 142, 143, 145, 148, 150, 152, 153, 155, 156, 158

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Phonics and Word Recognition

Rhode Island Standards	Aligned Components of *Reading Foundations*
RF.1.3 Know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 4–159
RF.1.3.a Know the spelling-sound correspondences for common consonant digraphs.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 6–9, 11–17, 19–29, 31–59, 61–107, 109–118, 120–128, 130–135, 137, 139–158
RF.1.3.b Decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 4–18, 20–77, 79–117, 119–127, 130–137, 140–147, 150–157
RF.1.3.c Know final -e and common vowel team conventions for representing long vowel sounds.	Grade 1, Lessons 9, 12, 15, 17, 21–27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 42–44, 51, 52, 54–58, 60–69, 71, 74–97, 99–111, 113–117, 119–124, 126, 127, 130–135, 137, 139–148, 150–152, 154–157
RF.1.3.d Use knowledge that every syllable must have a vowel sound to determine the number of syllables in a printed word.	Grade 1, Lessons 103, 104, 106, 110–117, 120–122, 143
RF.1.3.e Decode two-syllable words following basic patterns by breaking the words into syllables.	Grade 1, Lessons 22, 25, 31, 32, 42, 52, 55, 61, 62, 64–67, 70–75, 77, 80–82, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 100–107, 110–117, 120–122, 124–127, 131–137, 140–147, 150–157
RF.1.3.f Read words with inflectional endings.	Grade 1, Lessons 4–17, 20–27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 42, 44–47, 50–55, 57, 60–67, 70–77, 80–87, 90–97, 100–105, 107, 110–112, 114, 115, 117, 120–127, 130–137, 140–142, 144–147, 150–157

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RF.1.3.g Recognize and read grade-appropriate irregularly spelled words.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 4–117, 119–159

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Fluency

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RF.1.4 Read with sufficient accuracy and fluency to support comprehension.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 111, 112, 114, 115, 117, 121, 122, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147, 151, 152, 154, 155, 157
RF.1.4.a Read grade-level text with purpose and understanding.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 111, 112, 114, 115, 117, 121, 122, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147, 151, 152, 154, 155, 157
RF.1.4.b Read grade-level text orally with accuracy, appropriate rate, and expression on successive readings.	Grade 1, Lessons 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 111, 112, 114, 115, 117, 121, 122, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147, 151, 152, 154, 155, 157
RF.1.4.c Use context to confirm or self-correct word recognition and understanding, rereading as necessary.	Grade 1, Lessons 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21, 22, 24, 25, 27, 31, 32, 34, 35, 37, 41, 42, 44, 45, 47, 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 61, 62, 64, 65, 67, 71, 72, 74, 75, 77, 81, 82, 84, 85, 87, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 101, 102, 104, 105, 107, 111, 112, 114, 115, 117, 121, 122, 124, 125, 127, 131, 132, 134, 135, 137, 141, 142, 144, 145, 147, 151, 152, 154, 155, 157

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